

The local traffic and weather stations offered by XM Radio are not part of my daily routine as I live in a rural area of Eastern North Carolina. However, I found them quite useful on a recent road trip through Washington, D.C. and New York City. Normally, while struggling through heavy traffic in these cities I would be forced to search through the dial to find the local traffic station offered in these cities while trying to keep my eye on the road. With XM I was able to program these stations before the trip to know what the traffic patterns were like and avoid long delays. It was not only a convenience but seemed a safer alternative to the days of the local AM traffic channel in an unfamiliar city. For that reason, and many others, I am in strong opposition to the NAB's petition 04-160 and support XM Radio.